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145 GENERAL NOTE.

The following is a brief summary of the more important variations in the figures for 1913-14 as compared with those of 1912-13.

PART I—Agricultural Statistics.

The total area of the State is approximately 19 million acres and is 4,534 acres less as compared with the previous year. Excluding the extent for which no returns are received, the net area for which statistics are given is nearly 17½ million acres. Of this a little less than 2·1 million acres are occupied by forests and more than 6·8 million acres are not available for cultivation. The area under forests has decreased by more than 1½ lakhs of acres. A little less than a million acres are culturable waste lands available for cultivation. The total extent under occupation is 7,636,858 acres of which 6,056,463 acres were cultivated during the year under report.

PART IV—Rainfall.

The average rainfall in the State was 32·13 inches as against 46·23 in the preceding year, there being a decrease of nearly 14 inches. The decrease in rainfall occurred in all the districts.

PART I.

The net area cropped during the year fell from 6,319,019 acres to 6,056,463 there being a decrease of 263,546 acres. The decrease occurred in all the districts, except Shimoga, where there was a slight increase. The extent of irrigated land appreciably increased in the Mysore and Shimoga Districts, the total irrigated area for the State showing an increase of 2,833 acres. There was a slight increase in the areas under paddy in the Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur Districts, while in the Mysore District the increase was appreciably large. There was a large shrinkage in the area under paddy in the Kolar District. The area under *ragi* decreased in all the districts, the shrinkage in the Tumkur District being particularly large. The area under cotton similarly decreased, the shrinkage being large in the Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts.

The total area under cholam increased while the area under horse gram diminished. The area under sugar-cane cultivation remained unchanged.

TABLE C.

The incidence of land revenue (excluding cesses) per head of the population shows an increase of one pie, and that on fully assessed area a decrease by five pies.

TABLE D.

The number of holdings under raiyatwar tenure fell from 1,096,345 to 1,088,343, there being an increase of 54,138 acres in the gross area held on such tenures. The average area of each holding was 6·63 acres and the average assessment 8·91 rupees as against 6·53 acres and 8·73 rupees respectively. The number of estates held wholly or partially revenue free was 98,054 as against 98,029. The average area and assessment of these estates was 18·38 acres and 5·51 rupees as against 18·09 acres and 5·32 rupees.

TABLE E.

The number of transfers of land by order of Court during the year was 482 involving an area of 3,363 acres as against 790 involving an area of 4,461 acres. The number of transfers by private contract or gift was 16,984 as against 17,404, the areas involved being 94,108 and 90,805 acres respectively.

146 *PART II--Estimated outturn of crops.*

The average outturn of paddy for the State was 8.7 annas as against 10.7 in the previous year, the outturn being poor in the Kolar and Tumkur Districts. The average outturn of ragi was 6.9 annas as against 10.4 in the previous year, the yield not being satisfactory in the Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts. The outturn of horse gram was similarly bad being 5.7 annas as against 9.2 in the previous year, the yield in the Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts being poor. The outturn of cholam and sugar-cane though less than that of the previous year was not below the normal.

PART III—Prices.

The prices of good grains were generally higher in almost all the districts. The average price of rice (1st and 2nd sort) was slightly lower in the Tumkur, Mysore and Chitaldrug Districts and the average price of ragi higher in all the districts, except Mysore, where it was slightly lower.

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